

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of reserving and accessing resources in a distribution server, comprising steps of:

sending reservation request information including a desired service supply time period for distributing content using a distribution server from a user terminal apparatus to a reservation control apparatus via a first network, said reservation control apparatus determining if the reservation request for distributing content using said distribution server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted,

transmitting a current time reference value from said reservation control apparatus to said user terminal apparatus via the first network if the reservation request is accepted, said current time reference value determining when said reservation state of said distribution server will permit access by the user terminal apparatus to the distribution server for distributing content using said distribution server during said desired service time;

calculating a difference in real time between said current time reference value and a value of current time indicated at said user terminal apparatus;

notifying the user of said user terminal apparatus of said difference in real time;

transmitting content from the user terminal apparatus to the distribution server via a second network during said desired service time; and

broadcasting, by the distribution server, said content data received from said user terminal apparatus via said first network.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:
changing a value of current time being used at said user terminal apparatus based on any difference between said current time reference value and said value of current time being used at said user terminal.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein
said distribution server streams said content received from said user terminal to a requesting client terminal apparatus via the first network.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising steps of:
acquiring said current time reference value at said distribution server used for determining when said reservation state of said distribution server will permit access by the user terminal apparatus during said desired service time from a predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server, and

acquiring said current time reference value at said reservation control apparatus that is transmitted in said transmitting step from said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server.

6. (Currently Amended) A reservation control apparatus comprising:
receiving means for receiving reservation request information including a desired service supply time period to use a distribution server sent from a user terminal apparatus via a first network,

means for determining whether or not the reservation request for the use of said distribution server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted,

transmitting means for transmitting a current time reference value to the user terminal apparatus via the first network when the determining means accepts the reservation for the use of said distribution server during said desired service supply time period, said current time reference value determining when said distribution server can be accessed by the user terminal apparatus in accordance with the accepted reservation;

means for calculating a difference in real time between said current time reference value and a value of current time indicated at said user terminal apparatus; and

means for notifying the user of said user terminal apparatus of said difference in real time,

wherein[[,]] said user terminal apparatus transmits content to the distribution server via a second network during said desired service time, and the distribution server broadcasts the content received from the user terminal apparatus over said first network.

7. (Previously Presented) The reservation control apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for acquiring said current time reference value from a predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server, said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server also supplying the current time value to said distribution server.

8. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium storing a program to be executed by a reservation control apparatus configured to process reservation requests for using a distribution server that broadcasts content received from a user terminal apparatus, said program comprising processing steps of:

receiving reservation request information including a desired service supply time period to use said distribution server sent from a user terminal apparatus via a first network,

determining whether or not the reservation request for the use of said distribution server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted,

transmitting a current time reference value to the user terminal apparatus via the first network when the determining step determines that the reservation for the use of said distribution server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted, said current time reference value determining when said distribution server can be accessed by the user terminal apparatus in accordance with the accepted reservation;

calculating a difference in real time between said current time reference value and a value of current time indicated at said user terminal apparatus; and

notifying the user of said user terminal apparatus of said difference in real time,

wherein[[,]] said user terminal apparatus transmits content to the distribution server via a second network during said desired service time, and the distribution server broadcasts the content received from the user terminal apparatus over said first network.